



Beatrix Juliana Tromp-Geo is chosen to be Queen Beatrix for six months!

In the opening event of the six month celebration of Aruba's golden anniversary of the International Airport Reina Beatrix, the winner of the "Queen Beatrix" contest was announced. Friday saw the crowning of Beatrix Juliana Tromp-Geo as the woman who will preside over the several events planned for the coming months in celebration of the renaming of the airport fifty years ago.

Twenty-one women with the name Beatrix had entered the competition, but a number of criteria led to the selection of the winner. An important factor was simply the ability to be present at all the events that are planned, but Tromp-Geo also proved she had the personality during a spirited speech she made when she received her bottle of wine, as was given to all the contestants.

Peter Steinmetz, Director of the Aruba Airport Authority placed the crown on Beatrix's head and handed over a prize of dinner for two at El Gaucho, and a complete beauty treatment at the Radisson Spa.

The ages of the contestants ranged from only six years old to over sixty. Some had been born the same year as Queen Beatrix, 1938, and some had been born on her actual birthday, January 31. Others had been born on the official Dutch Queen's Day, which is April 30, but whatever reason, it made them eligible for the position of "Queen Beatrix"

Ruben Trappenburg officiated on Friday, and other winners for second and third place also received dinners from El Gaucho, and Beatrix Elizabeth Oduber-Janga or Beatrix Maria Wolff-Leest are waiting in the wings if the proxy queen cannot fulfill her duties.

The next event following over the half-year celebration will be on November 19, with the painting and refurbishing of the Reina Beatrix School.

Congratulations to Queen Beatrix, real and substitute, long may you reign!